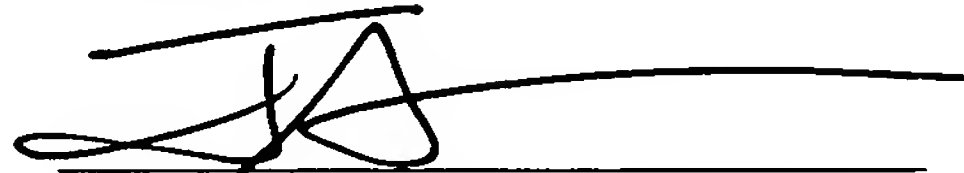


REMARKS:

The specification has been amended to correct various grammatical, typographical and formatting errors. The claims have been amended to conform to US practice. If it would be considered helpful in resolving any issues in the case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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